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ON THE

Health of Margate, Vital Statistics and Sanitary Work.

BY THE

Medical Officer of Health: ROWAN McCOMBE.

WITH WHICH IS INCLUDED THE

Report of the Sanitary Inspector

AND THE

Meteorological Report.

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FOR THE YEAR 1929.

BOROUGH OF MARGATE.

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(from Nov., 1929)

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STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Medical Officer of Health, School Medical Officer, and Borough Meteorologist:

ROWAN McCOMBE, F.R.C.S.I., D.P.H.

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JOHN RATTRAY, A.R.San.Inst. and Certified Inspector of Meat, &c.

Assistant Sanitary Inspectors:

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MISS E. GREEN.

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L. R. HUTCHINSON.

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Your Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Margate.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of submitting to you the Annual Report on the Health of the Borough for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The Report is prepared in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, Article 14 (3), Sanitary Officers' Order, 1926, which states:—"The Annual Report for 1929 will be an ordinary report, that is, a report of a more simple character than the full survey report which the Medical Officer of Health was asked to prepare for 1925."

Several paragraphs in the Report have to be repeated each year for the information of the Ministry of Health and other public bodies.

I gratefully acknowledge the kind assistance accorded me at all times by the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, also by my professional colleagues in the town, the Chief Sanitary Inspector, Assistant Sanitary Inspectors, Health Visitor, and Clerk, without which it would be impossible to carry out my duties satisfactorily.

I am, your Worship and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ROWAN McCOMBE,

Medical Officer of Health.

April, 1930.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres), 2,961.

Population (1929), 29,580.

Number of inhabited houses (1921), 5,159.

Number of inhabited houses (1929), approximately, 6,772.

Number of families or seperate occupiers (1921), 5,888.

Rateable value, £384,448.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £1,601 17s. 4d.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Live Births:—Legitimate—Male, 204; female, 175; total, 379. Illegitimate—Male, 15; female, 14; total, 29.

Stillbirths:—Legitimate—Male, 4; female, 7; total, 11.
Illegitimate—Male, 1; female, 1; total, 2.

Deaths: -Male, 168; female, 217; total, 385.

Birth Rate (R.G.), 14.2 per 1,000.

Death Rate (R.G.), 13.0 per 1,000.

Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth—from Sepsis, 3; from other causes, nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births:— Legitimate, 47.4; illegitimate, 34.5; total, 46.6.

Deaths from Measles (all ages), 3.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages), 5.

Deaths from Diarrhea (under two years of age), 2.

Deaths of "Residents" in Margate whether occurring in or beyond the district.

CIVILIANS ONLY.						
	· Causes o	of Death.			Males.	Females
1	Enteric Fever					
$\frac{1}{2}$	Small Dox	* * *	• • •	• • •		
$\frac{\tilde{3}}{3}$	Monglog	• • •	* * *	• • •	$\frac{}{2}$	1
$\frac{3}{4}$	C1-4 Tomas	• • •	•••	***	2	
		• • •	• • •	• • •	_	1
5	Whooping Cough	•••	• • •		3	2
6	Diphtheria	• • •	• • •		1	
7	Influenza	• • •	***		5	16
8	Encephalitis Lethargi					2
9	Meningococcal Menin	gitis		• • •		
10	Tuberculosis of respir	atory system	ı		10	10
11	Other Tuberculous di	seases	• • •		2	
12	Caneer, malignant di				17	32
13	Rheumatie Fever					
14	Diabetes		***		3	4
15		• • •	•••		7	13
	Cerebral Hemorrhage			•••		
16	Heart Disease		• • •	• •	$\frac{22}{c}$	39
17	Arterio-selerosis		• • •		6	8
18	Bronchitis	• • •	•••		6	6
19	Pneumonia (all forms)		• • •	,	5	6
20	Other respiratory disc				2	1
21	Uleer of Stomach or				4	2
22	Diarrhœa, &c. (under				2	
$\frac{22}{23}$	Appendicitis and typi			• • •	ĩ	1
$\frac{23}{24}$	Cirrhosis of Liver	TITUIS			i	
$\frac{24}{25}$		anhuitia		• • •	9	8
	Acute and Chronic N	~	•••		J	3
26		T):	D .	•••	_	,)
27	Other Aceidents and	Diseases of	Pregnancy	and		
	Parturition	•••			_	
28	Congenital Debility a	ind Malform	ation, Prema	ture		
	Birth	• • •	•••		6	3
29	Suieide	* * *			3	
30	Other Deaths from V	iolenee			6	6
31	Other Defined Disease				45	53
$\frac{32}{32}$	Causes ill defined or	unknown				
	oution in domination		•••			
	411 C				160	217
	All Causes	• • •	• • •	• • •	168	217
	Special Causes (include	ed above)				
	Poliomyelitis					
	T) 11				Brown to the	
	Polioeneephalitis	• • •	• • •	• • •		
			677			-
	Deaths of Infants und	er l vear	Total		13	6
	TOWNERS OF EINTERIOR CITIC)	Illegitimate		1.	
						7.00
		(Total		219	189
	Live Births	{	Legitimate		204	175
			Legitimate Illegitimate		15	14
	Cell Di d		Total		5	8 7
	Still Births	{	Legitimate Illegitimate	• • •	4	
		. (Illegitimate	• • •	1	1
	Population		* * *		29,5	80
	•				,	
		200			-	

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The Borough of Margate extends over an area of 2,961 acres, situated on the north-east coast of Thanet, 72 miles from London and 16 from Canterbury (one of the best known Marine Health Resorts in the British Isles). The town is built between two valleys, and owing to this and the general undulations of the ground it is exceptionally favoured as regards surface drainage. The sewage drainage is of the most up-to-date construction and there is an excellent pure water supply. The hours of sunshine during 1929 amounted to 1,942 hours, sunshine being recorded on 305 days during the year. The atmosphere is rich in ultra-violet rays.

The estimated population for the purposes of calculating the birth and death rates, etc., as given by the Registrar-General, is 29,580. This, in my opinion, is much too low, and it should be noted that the population during the height of the season exceeds 100,000. The number of inhabited houses in 1921, according to the census figures, was 5,159, and the number of families or separate occupiers 5,888. The rateable value is £384,448, and the sum represented by a penny rate £1,601 17s. 4d.

Birth Rate. The number of births registered during the year was 224 males and 197 females, total 421 (Live births, male 219, female 189, total 408; Stillbirths, male 5, female 8, total 13), which is equivalent to a birth rate of 14.2 per 1,000.

Death Rate. The number of deaths registered during the same period was 168 males and 217 females, total 385, which is equivalent to a death rate of 13.0 per 1,000.

The principal causes of death were:—Heart Disease (61), Malignant Disease (49), Tuberculosis (22), Influenza (21), Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc. (20), Nephritis (17), and Pneumonia (11).

Infantile Mortality. age of one year was 13 males and 6 females, total 19, which is equivalent to an infantile death rate of 46.6 per 1,000 live births. This compares very favourably with the Infantile Mortality rate for England and Wales, which is 74 per 1,000 live births.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Hospitals. With the exception of the Fever Hospital, there are no hospitals in the town provided or subsidized by the Local Authority. The County Council, however, send patients who are suffering from surgical tuberculosis and are recommended by their Tuberculosis Officers, to the Victoria Home and the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital. The Royal Sea Bathing Hospital has accommodation for 266 patients and the Victoria Home for 54. Both Hospitals are situated in Canterbury Road.

The Fever Hospital is situated at Haine, about two miles from Margate, and is provided conjointly by the Margate, Ramsgate, Broadstairs and Isle of Thanet (Rural) Authorities. There is now accommodation for about 93 patients. Patients suffering from Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia can now be admitted on the advice of the Medical attendant.

A Small-pox Hospital is situated on a separate site adjoining the above, and is capable of accommodating 16 patients.

In view of the fact that there are a large number of cases of small-pox in the country, I consider this accommodation most inadequate and would urge the Authorities concerned to consider the advisability of erecting a larger and up-to-date building in a suitable area.

The Margate Cottage Hospital, situated in Victoria Road, is entirely supported by voluntary contributions, and has accommodation for about 40 patients. The Hospital is used principally for surgical and accident cases. Children are also admitted, and complicated cases of midwifery.

It is hoped that the new Hospital, which has accommodation for about 60 patients, will be fully equipped and opened in July next.

There is no institution in the town for unmarried mothers, but patients requiring a temporary home can sometimes be accommodated at Ramsgate.

Ambulance Facilities. Ambulance for the conveyance of infectious cases to the Isolation Hospital. For non-infectious and accident cases a Motor Ambulance is provided by the Margate Ambulance Corps, a voluntary body which does most useful and creditable work in the town.

Clinics. by the Local Authority, viz.:—The School Clinic in Victoria Road, for the treatment of minor ailments in children attending the Elementary Schools, dental treatment, eyesight testing, and for operations for enlarged tonsils and adenoids; and the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, situated in St. Peter's Footpath, consisting of a Lecture Room, Consulting Room, Kitchen, Weighing Room and Nursery.

The following are particulars of work done at the latter Centre during the year:—

Total attendances of Mothers				4,089
Total attendances of Babies	• • •			5,104
Average weekly attendance of	Mothers			85
Average weekly attendance of	Babies			106
No. of Mothers on the books			• • •	210
No. of visits to Babies and	Children	under	five	
years of age by the Healt	h Visitor		• • •	4,024
Average weekly Consultations	by the Me	dical O	fficer	
of Health			• • •	20
No. of Babies weighed		• • •	• • •	1,999

Other Clinics. There is also a Venereal Clinic and Tuberculosis Dispensary situated in St. Peter's Road, provided by the Kent

County Council: -

Hours of attendance: --

Tuberculosis—Every Friday at 2 o'clock.

Venereal Diseases—Every Wednesday:

Women

3 to 4.30 p.m.

Men

4.30 to 6 p.m.

All treatment is free and strictly confidential.

There is also an Orthopædic Clinic situated at the Wesleyan Methodist Church Rooms, York Street, Broadstairs, which is used conjointly by Margate, Ramsgate, Broadstairs and the Isle of Thanet (Rural) District. Consultations are held on the first and third Tuesday in every month at 11.30 a.m., and a Nurse attends every Tuesday at 11.30 a.m.

Health Department Staff.

Contributions under the Public Health Acts and by Exchequer grants are made towards the salaries of the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Sanitary Inspec-

tor. All the Officers on the Staff of the Public Health Department are whole-time officials and consist of the following:—

ROWAN McCOMBE,

F.R.C.S.I., D.P.H.

*JOHN RATTRAY,

A.R.S.I.

Medical Officer of Health.

School Medical Officer.

Police Surgeon.

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Inspector under the Food & Drugs (Adulteration) Act.

Inspector under the Rats & Mice (Destruction) Act.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

*J. W. BROMLEY, A.R.S.I.

Miss J. H. DAVIES,

M.R.S.I., S.R.N.

MISS E. GREEN,

C.M.B.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

Health Visitor.

L. R. HUTCHINSON

W. EPPS

Clerk.

Disinfector.

* Inspectors of meat and other foods,

As regards nursing, this is carried out by
Professional Nursing a voluntary Association which provides two
in the Home. These nurses are available for any
patient who is recommended by the doctor
in attendance. No payment is made to the Association by the
Local Authority.

Nursing Homes 1st July, 1928, provides for the registration (Registration) Act. of all Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes within the Borough. Exemptions may, however, be granted to Homes or Institutions not carried on for profit. Certain other premises, as mentioned below, are also exempt from the Act.

The requirements of the said Act were duly advertised in the local Press, and Bye-laws were sanctioned by the Ministry of Health on the 15th October, 1928.

At the end of the year there were eleven Nursing Homes on the register.

Under the Act the term "Nursing Home" does not include any Hospital or premises maintained or controlled by a Government Department, Local Authority, or by any other body of persons constituted by special Act of Parliament or incorporated by Royal Charter. This clause, therefore, excludes eight institutions from the need of registration.

Under Section 6 (1) I received two claims for exemption, both of which were allowed.

Midwives. There are four Midwives practising in the town, two Municipal and two in private practice. The salaries of the Municipal Midwives are paid by the Town Council and the fees received from their patients are paid back into the Borough Fund. Taking it all the year round, the Midwives earn the greater part of their salaries. I would like it, therefore, to be specially known that they are very little cost to the ratepayers and the benefit to the poor people is almost incalculable. The Municipal Midwives occupy their spare time in ante-natal visiting.

The Borough Council is not the Local Supervising Authority under the Midwives Act. In my opinion, it would be most advisable for the Council to apply to the Kent County Council for this authority.

Chemical Work. The chemical work of the Borough is carried out by our Public Analyst, Mr. Ernest M. Hawkins, F.I.C., of Canterbury.

LIST OF BYE-LAWS, REGULATIONS, LOCAL ACTS AND ADOPTIVE ACTS IN FORCE IN THE BOROUGH OF MARGATE.

Date of Operation or Confirmation. New Streets and Buildings and Drainage of Existing Buildings (P.H. Act, 1875, s. 157, and P.H.A.A. Act, 1890, s. 23) ... 7th July, 1924. Nuisance in connection with Removal Offensive or Noxious Matters (P.H.A.A. Act, 1890, s. 26) ... 11th January, 1900. Prevention of nuisances arising from snow, filth, rubbish and the keeping of animals (P.H. Act, 1875, s. 44) 17th December, 1900. Removal of House Refuse (P.H. Act, 1875, s. 44) 10th August, 1900. Slaughter Houses (P.H. Act, 1875, s. 169) ... 6th June, 1901. Common Lodging Houses (P.H. Act, 1875, s. 80) 6th June, 1901. Management of Mortuary (P.H. Act, 1875, s. 141) ... 12th February, 1898. ... Decent Conduct of Persons using Public Conveniences (P.H.A.A. Act, 1890, 23rd September, 1899. Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc. [H.W.C. Act, 1885, s. 9 (2)] 30th January, 1901. Offensive Trades (P.H. Act, 1875, s. 113) 21st April, 1921.

Regulations for the removal to Hospital	
of persons brought within the	
Borough by any ship or boat who	
are infected with a dangerous	
infectious disease (P.H. Act, 1875,	
s. 125)	22nd June, 1906.
Provision of means of escape from fire	
in certain factories and workshops	
(F. and W. Act, 1901, s. 15)	24th May, 1911.
Margate Extension and Improvement	
Act, 1877	6th August, 1877.
Margate Corporation Act, 1900	6th August, 1900.
Margate Corporation Water Act, 1902	8th August, 1902.
Margate Corporation Act, 1908	1st August, 1908.
Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act,	
1890	2nd March, 1891.
Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act,	
1890 (Parts II., III., IV., V.)	211d March, 1891.
Private Street Works Act, 1892	1st July, 1894.
Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act,	
1907 (Parts IV., V., VIII., IX.,	
X. and certain sections of Parts II.,	
III. and VII.)	
Notification of Births Act, 1907	
Public Libraries Act, 1919	15th February, 1923.
Margate Corporation Act, 1926	4th August, 1926.
Public Health Acts, 1925 (Parts II.,	
III., IV., V.)	1st May, 1926.
Houses Let in Lodgings (Housing Act,	
1925, s. 6)	13th April, 1928.
Nursing Homes (Nursing Homes Regis-	
tration Act, 1927, s. 4)	15th October, 1928.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water. Corporation Waterworks in the Parish of Wingham and situate about fourteen miles to the south-west of Margate.

The watershed extends from Wingham in a southerly direction for a distance of about four miles.

The works were inaugurated in the year 1903 and the water is pumped to Margate through an eighteen inch diameter main direct to Margate.

Since 1903 considerable additional machinery has been installed, heading extended, new well sunk and new pumping station erected.

The Works at Wingham include two wells, each about 140 feet deep, 6,750 feet of heading, two pumping stations, three sets of well pumps each capable of pumping water from the wells and forcing same through the main to Margate, three sets of high level district pumps, electric lighting plant, three boilers, two economisers, workshops, residence and employees' cottages. Also service reservoir for supply of water to outlying low level area.

In addition to the above there is a high level tank in the Parish of Adisham for the supply to the outlying high level district, also a reservoir at Fleete, near Margate; the latter has a capacity of one million gallons.

The Statutory water district includes the Borough of Margate and nineteen outlying parishes. The district extends from the Borough Boundary at Kingsgate—adjacent to Broadstairs—on the north, to the Parish of Womenswold situate about eight miles to the south-east of Canterbury.

The Corporation also supply water (by Agreement) to the Parishes of Knowlton, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Sarre, and the Urban District of Broadstairs. The supply to Broadstairs is in the nature of a supplementary supply to that district.

The Works at Wingham can be extended to meet any increased need in the area.

At present the three main pumping engines are capable of lifting and delivering about seven million gallons of water per day of twenty-four hours, viz., two pumps each $1\frac{3}{4}$ million gallons capacity and one pump of $3\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons output.

This latter pump will be altered in the Autumn to deliver up to $4\frac{3}{4}$ million gallons per day.

Up to date, the maximum quantity of water pumped in any one day was slightly in excess of three-and-a-third million gallons,

It is estimated that during years of average rainfall the dependable quantity obtainable from the existing works is about five million gallons per day.

The demand for water has increased from 377 million gallons during the year 1907 to about 768 millions in 1929.

At the present time the Borough Engineer, Mr. E. A. Borg, is engaged upon the preparation of plans and estimates for an additional pumping main of a diameter of twenty inches and a length of about thirteen miles, also for an additional reservoir at Fleete to hold about five millon gallons.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The orginal drainage scheme for Margate was completed about 1889 designed to suffice for a period of thirty years. In 1902 it became apparent that owing to the growth of the district, extensions and enlargements

were necessary, and since that year new main and intercepting sewers have been laid down, also many miles of ordinary street sewers.

The drainage of the town is partly pumped, and part of it gravitates to the sea outfall at Foreness Point, situate at the extreme north-easterly point of the Borough. The sea outfall extends for a distance of six hundred yards seawards from the face of the cliff, and the sewage after fine screening is discharged into very deep water when the tide is racing out in a northerly direction towards the North Sea.

Originally the whole of the pumping was done by means of high pressure hydraulic pumps placed in four underground pumping stations and actuated by pressure water delivered from a central power station.

This system of pumping was abolished several years ago when up-to-date and economical electrical, gas and oil driven pumps were installed.

The sewage is pumped through a discharge main or outfall sewer of a diameter of thirty inches, and the rate of discharge is ten thousand gallons per minutes, or one-and-a-half million gallons in two-and-a-half hours.

With the system of screening in operation and arrangements for pumping it is physically impossible for any sewage to find its way back to any part of the shore. The screening apparatus is probably unique and was devised by the Borough Engineer, Mr. Ernest A. Borg, and the results are such that, after dealing with the whole of the sewage of Margate and Westgate-on-Sea, which sewage is disposed of at the Margate Outfall, it is no exaggeration to state that the total quantity of screenings to be disposed of per week does not exceed one hundredweight of clean rags, corks and other light innocuous material.

The screens in operation are of the three-eights of an inch mesh, and were it possible to obtain screen times to operate to finer dimensions, the results would be even better, but as the screens were originally designed for three-eights mesh and as the work is done so efficiently, it has not been necessary to make any alteration to the screening plant since first installed in 1925.

The Corporation have spared neither expense nor thought in the matter of drainage, and it is felt that very few towns can compare with Margate from a drainage point of view. It is, of course, realized that Nature was very kind in providing such favourable position for the outfall sewer, viz., the deep sea racing away from the town to the North Sea; in fact, no trace of sewage has been seen on the Margate Foreshore for very many years.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

This branch of public service is one which requires careful handling owing to the varying quantities produced through seasonal fluctuations.

During the Winter and quieter months of the year each house is visited at least twice per week, whilst large establishments, such as the principal hotels, are cleared at least four times per week, and in some cases a daily collection is made.

During the Summer season collections are made to ensure that the refuse is removed without causing nuisance or annoyance, and are consequently more frequent than during the Winter months.

Trade refuse is collected separately in order to cause as little interference as possible with the times set out for collection of house refuse, as it is not unusual to remove a whole vehicle load of trade refuse from one shop. In view of the fact that it has in the past been thought difficult to differentiate between house and trade refuse, this work is not charged for as special work.

Fish offal is collected upon request of the tradesmen, and a charge based upon actual collection is made, but no charge is made for its disposal.

The vehicles used in connection with the collection of house and trade refuse consist of two and four-wheeled horse-drawn vehicles supplemented by four S.D. petrol-driven all-metal refuse collecting vans.

The refuse is burnt at the Corporation Refuse Destructor, situate on the extreme southerly side of the Borough. Upon arrival at the Destructor the larger tins and other incombustible material are sorted out and suitably disposed of, the tins being baled ready for transport to a smelting works. The refuse is thoroughly incinerated and the resultant clinker, ashes and dust utilized in various ways, such as for the manufacture of tarred macadam, mortar and disinfecting powder.

Sufficient steam is generated to supply power to run electric lighting plant, workshop machinery, bailing press, etc.

I am indebted to Mr. E. A. Borg, Borough Engineer, for the above report on Water, Drainage, Refuse Collection and Disposal.

BACTERIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF THE MARGATE WATER.

Taken from the Wingham Pumping Station on the 17th September, 1929:—

Appearance in Two-foot tube ... Clear and bright.

Suspended matter Nil.

Deposit Nil.

Reaction Neutral.

Temperature ... 21° C.

Quantitative Bacteriological Examination:—

One cubic centimetre of the water contained, on an average, 12 bacteria which were capable of growth on gelatin plates, within 72 hours incubation at a temperature of

22° C. Two cubic centimetres of the water added to agar plates and incubated for 24 hours at a temperature of 37° C. yielded the growth of 4 organisms.

Qualitative Bacteriological Examination: -

The usual examination of a total quantity of 60 cubic centimetres of the water for organisms of the *Bacillus coli* Group, and for other bacteria whose presence might indicate some recent surface pollution, was carried out—with completely negative results. The bacteria found on the culture plates, in the course of the quantitative examination were all of a saprophytic type.

Remarks:-

The results of the examination of this sample of the Wingham water are nearly identical with the results of the sample, from the same source, received on the 13th August, 1929, and are completely satisfactory. The examination shows a sample of water of the highest degree of bacteriological purity; and the supply was obviously free from any trace of surface contamination at the time when the sample was taken.

(Signed) ALEX G. R. FOULERTON, F.R.C.S., D.P.H., F.C.S.

Closet universal in the Borough for many years.

Accommodation. The majority of the pans are of the wash-down principle. There are a few cottages in a remote part of the district which are using pail closets, and in the future it is proposed to lay sewers in this small area, and these closets will be converted into the water carriage system when the drainage is available. Every year considerable lengths of new sewers are laid down, owing to the growth of the town.

Baths. Road, were opened on the 13th March, 1928. The accommodation consists of 24 slipper baths for men and 23 for women. The Baths are open daily:—Monday to Friday, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sundays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The inclusive charge for a bath and towel is sixpence, and special facilities are given to school children on Saturday mornings to obtain a bath at half-price, the children providing their own towels,

These Public Baths have been of great service during the Summer, especially to seasonal workers and visitors where the number of baths in private houses is inadequate, but the demand for baths during the Autumn and Winter months has not been up to the estimated amount. It is to be hoped that in the future the general public will avail themselves of these privileges to a greater extent.

The number of persons who have used the Baths from the 1st April, 1929, to the 28th February, 1930, are:—

Women	Adults		10,948	
	Children		1,090	12,038
Men	Adults		13,883	
	Children	• • •	681	14,564
		То	tal	26,602

Particular mention might be made of the Hydro, which has a complete installation of modern Turkish, Russian and Hydro Electric Baths, and which gives practically every form of bath or electrical treatment hitherto only obtainable at the recognized Spas. All operators are fully qualified and carry out efficiently all prescriptions of the patients' medical adviser. No resident doctor is kept, but the establishment is at the disposal of any member of the medical profession.

Housing. The total number of houses built by the Corporation is 356. This includes 80 houses on the Connaught Estate, 56 on the Addiscombe Estate, 70 on the Garlinge Estate, and 150 on the Dane Valley Estate.

The erection of these houses has alleviated the housing problem to a certain extent, but there is still a demand for houses of the smaller class that could be let at an inclusive rent of not more than twelve shillings per week.

The housing question is more or less a problem in a seaside resort owing to the number of persons who come into the town during the summer months to obtain casual employment for the season and in a good many cases remain in the town permanently and eventually become applicants for Corporation houses.

The majority of houses erected by private enterprise during the year were chiefly built for sale or the rents were too high for members of the working classes to pay.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

The information contained in this part of the Report has been prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

No. of Inspections carried out of	luring	the	Year:				
No. of Dwelling Houses under Public H	lealth	Acts		4,091			
No. of Dwelling Houses under Housing				169			
No. of Houses Inspected re Infectious I		S	• • •	1,068			
Houses Let in Lodgings	• • •			106			
Factories, Workshops and Workplaces	• • •		• • •	330			
Bakehouses				96			
Cowsheds				35			
Dairies and Milkshops				126			
Slaughter Houses				2,227			
Offensive Trades				99			
Ice Cream Premises				133			
Stables			• • •	371			
Premises where Animals were kept			• • •	51			
Premises with regard to Rats		• • •		389			
Schools		• • •		372			
Courts, Back Roads, etc	• • •			475			
Shops and Food Stores	• • •		• • •	400			
Restaurant Kitchens	• • •			179			
Places of Entertainment				24			
Other Inspections	• • •	• • •	• • •	1,595			
Total Inspections	• • •		• • •	12,336			
Total Re-Inspections	• • •		• • •	3,734			
NOTICES SERVED.							
No. of complaints received and investigation				277			
No. of Notices and Letters sent with respect to matters							
requiring attention under the Public Health Acts,							
etc				726			
No. of Statutory Notices served				68			
DESCRIPTION OF WORK Of Houses.	CARR	LED	OUT.				
Improved				36			
Cleansed and limewashed				34			
Cleansed and innewastied	• • •		• • •	94			

Bede	ding cleansed					* * *	20
Yar	ds cleansed						44
Veri	min eradicated						50
Over	rcrowding abated						14
Roos	ms illegally used	for slee	eping p	urposes	s abolis	hed	5
New	floors laid or rep	paired					30
Plas	ster on walls or ce	eilings 1	repaire	d			49
Roo	fs repaired						50
Sasl	n frames repaired	and co	rds ren	newed			43
Kite	chen ranges or co	ppers re	epaired	or ren	lewed		26
Rai	n-water pipes or g	gutters	repaire	d or re	enewed		36
Nev	v sinks fixed			• • •			28
Was	ste pipes trapped	or rene	wed				37
Yar	ds paved with cer	nent co	ncrete				15
Yar	d paving repaired	or ren	lewed			• • •	22
Acc	umulations of rub	bish re	moved				42
Nui	sance abated from	ı keepii	ig of a	nimals	• • •		12
Wa	ter services renew	ed	* * *			• • •	26
Dustbin	8.						
	provided on serv	ice of i	orelimi	narv n <i>e</i>	otices		177
	provided on serv		•				13
	*			J	-		
Drainag							
	of smoke tests a					• • •	34
	of water tests ar	~					6
	of houses comple	v					6
No.	, of houses when		~	_	•		
							19
	. of houses where				•	ired ·	25
	w inspection cham						30
	w gullies fixed						48
	fective soil and ve		W.W.			d	26
	ains unstopped and			• • •			53
	spools abolished						2
Urı	inals cleansed and	limewa	ashed		• • •		7
Water	Closets.						
	constructed						8
	paired						35
-	w water closets er						6
	ıshdown W.C. par						60
	1	1					

New cisterns fix	xed	• • •	• • •			59
Cisterns repaire	ed and put in	order				46
Flush pipes fixe	ed or renewed					31
W.C.'s cleansed	and limewas	hed				49
Houses Let in Lodg	jings.					
Cleansed and li		* * *				10
Sanitary defects						11
Overcrowding a						3
Bakehouses.	1 1					_
Cleansed and li		• • •	• • •		• • •	7
Improved	• • • • • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	4
Miscellaneous	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	4
Factories, Workshop	s and Workpi	laces.				
Cleansed and lin	mewashed	• • •		• • •		13
W.C.'s cleansed	and limewash	hed	• • •			13
Ventilation prov	vided			• • •	• • •	2
Sanitary accomm	nodation prov	ided				1
Miscellaneous			• • •			6
Restaurants.						
Kitchens cleanse	ed and limewa	shed	• • •		• • •	10
Improved	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		• • •			7
Sanitary Accom:	modation prov	vided	• • •	• • •	• • •	1
Shops and other Foo	ad Stores					
Cleansed and lin						28
Insanitary prem		• • •		• • •		20
T 1			• • •	• • •		13
Improved Miscellaneous		•••		• • •		26
		• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	20
Ice Cream Premises.						
Cleansed and lin				• • •		6
_	•••			• • •		3
Floors drained	•••	• • •	• • •	•••		3
Offensive Trades.						
FISH FRIERS	Cleansed and	d lime	washed		• • •	5
	Premises im	proved			• • •	2
	Bins provide	ed				10
Marine Stores	Accumulatio	ns rem	oved		• • •	3
	Cleansed and	d lime	vashed			1
	Bins provide	ed	• • •	• • •		4

Cowsheds.					
Cleansed and limewashed	• • •	• • •	•••		16
Dairies and Milkshops.					
Provided with proper milk re	eceptac	les		•••	2
Defects remedied under Milk	and I	Dairies'	Order	•••	12
Cleansed and limewashed	• • •	• • •	• • •	••••	4
Stables.					
Cleansed and limewashed		• • •	• • •		15
Manure pits provided	• • •				2
Accumulations of manure rem	noved	• • •	•••	• • •	23
Yards re-paved		• • •	• • •	• • •	1
Slaughter Houses.					
Cleansed and limewashed		• • •	• • •	• • •	56
Repaired	• • •			• • •	3
Receptacles provided	• • •				16
Cinemas, etc.					
Additional sanitary accommod	dation	provid	ed		1
Sanitary accommodation impr			• • •	• • •	2
Licensed Premises.					
Sanitary accommodation impr	roved				4
Urinals cleansed and limewas				• • •	6
Smoke Nuisances.					
Abated		•••			3
		• • •	•••	• • •	
Rats Act.					50
Premises treated					28
Lands treated				•••	
Miscellaneous	• • •	• • •	a a ¥	•••	5
DISINFE	CTION	N.			
No. of infected houses disinfected					190
No. of infected rooms disinfected		• • •		•••	238
No. of houses disinfected after co	nsum			• • •	42
No. of rooms disinfected after co-	•		•••	• • •	67
No. of articles disinfected:—	1				
35 Beds	330	Blanke	ets		
196 Mattresses	18	Rugs			
88 Sheets		Cushic	ons		
314 Pillows	118	Miscel	laneous	S	
48 Bolsters					
Making a tot	al of	1,158.			

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The following table shows the amount of unsound Food dealt with during the year:—

Description.	Disea	SE.		WEIGHT IN LBS.	
Unsound Meat. 2 Beasts Carcases and Offals	Tuberculosis ,, ,, ,, Pyaemia Flukes Tuberculosis Erysipelas Tuberculosis Vecrosis Cirrhosis Inflammatic Unsound Bruised Flukes Bruised Unsound	 		1,670 148 162 33 82 549 957 80 19 21 23 76 23 45 45 45 12 31 514	
Unsound Fish. Fish Fillets	Unsound	•••		84	
Miscellaneous.	Unsound			7	
	Total Weight 4,581 lbs.				
Total weight of	of food destro	yed-2 to	ons 3q	rs. 17lbs.	

FOOD AND DRUGS (ADULTERATION) ACT, 1928.

During the year 120 samples of various Foods and Drugs were obtained and submitted to your Public Analyst, Mr. E. M. Hawkins, at Canterbury.

Apples	Nature of Sample.	Adulterated.	Genuine.	Informal.	Formal.	Total.
Arrowroot Beer Beer Boric Ointment Brawn Boric Ointment Brawn	Apples		2	2		2
Boric Ointment	4		1			
Brawn			1	1	—	1
Batter		. —	1	1	—	
Baking Powder Camphorated Oil				1		
Camphorated Oil		. —	3		3	3
Candied Peel		.] —	1	1	—	1
Cocia — 1 1 — 1 Coffee — 1 1 — 1 Cream — — 4 2 2 4 Cream of Tartar — — 1 1 — 1 Curstard Powder — 1 1 — 1 — 1 Driepping — 1 1 — 2 — 2 — 2 — <t< td=""><td>Camphorated Oil .</td><td>. —</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>_</td><td>1</td></t<>	Camphorated Oil .	. —	1	1	_	1
Coffee		. –	1	1		1
Cream — 4 2 2 4 Cream of Tartar — 1 1 — 1 Currants (Dried) — 2 2 — 2 Custard Powder — 1 1 — 1 Dried Fruits — 1 1 — 1 Dried Fruits — 1 1 — <t< td=""><td>O M</td><td></td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>—</td><td>1</td></t<>	O M		1	1	—	1
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Currants (Dried) — 2 2 — 2 Custard Powder — 1 1 — 1 Dried Fruits — 1 1 — 1 Dried Fruits — 1 1 — 1 1 Flour — — 1 — 1 1 — 1 1 — 2 2 — 2 Ed — 2 2 — 2 Ed — 2 2 — 2 Ed — 2 2 — 2 2 —			4	1	2	
Custard Powder -						
Dried Fruits	Custowl Down!		2	2	_	2
Dripping Flour Flour Flour (self-raising) 2 2 2 2 2 2	75 ' 7 77 '/		1	1		1
Flour Self-raising Self Flour (self-raising Self Self Self Flour (self-raising Self Sel			1	1	1	1
Gelatin	Thomas	1	1		1	
Gelatin				2		2
Gin	Geletin		1	2		
Ginger Beer — 1 1 1 — 1 Ground Ginger — 1 1 1 — 1 Honey — 1 1 1 — 1 Jam — 1 1 1 — 1 Lard — 2 — 2 2 Lemonade — 1 1 1 — 1 Lemon Cheese — 1 1 1 — 1 Lime Juice — 1 1 — 1 Margarine — 5 — 5 5 Medicine — 3 — 3 3 3 Milk — 7 41 — 48 48 Milk (condensed) — 1 1 — 1 Oatmeal — 1 1 — 1 Oatmeal — 1 1 — 1 Paregoric — 1 1 — 1 Paregoric — 1 1 — 1 Peas (Preserved) — 1 1 — 1 Raisins — 1 1 — 1 Raisins — 1 1 — 1 Sausages — 3 3 3 Sausage Meat — 1 1 — 1 Spirit of Nitre — 1 1 — 1 Spirit of Nitre — 1 1 — 1 Shrimp Paste — 1 1 — 1 Sponge Cakes — 1 1 — 1 Tomatoes (Canned) — 2 — 2 2 Whisky — 2 — 2 2 Whisky — 2 — 2 2 Whisky — 2 — 2 2 Whise (Non- Alcoholic) Zinc Ointment — 1 1 — 1	CU		1	1	1	
Ground Ginger			i	1		i
Honey	Ground Ginger		i	1		i
Jam - 1 1 - 1 </td <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>i</td> <td>î</td> <td></td> <td>î</td>		1	i	î		î
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Sago - 1 1 - 1 Sausages - 3 3 3 Sausage Meat - 1 - 1 1 Spirit of Nitre - 1 1 - 1 Shrimp Paste - 1 1 - 1 Sponge Cakes - 1 1 - 1 Tomatoes (Canned) - 1 1 - 1 1 Vinegar - 2 - 2 2 Whisky - 2 - 2 2 Wine (Non-Alcoholic) - 1 1 - 1 Zinc Ointment - 1 1 - 1			ī	i	_	1
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Vinegar — 2 — 2 2 Whisky — 2 — 2 2 Wine (Non-Alcoholic) — 1 1 — 1 Zinc Ointment — 1 ! — 1		. –	1	_	1	1
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Wine (Non-Alcoholic) — 1 1 — 1 Zinc Ointment — 1 ! — 1	Vinegar	• —		-	$\frac{2}{2}$	$\frac{2}{2}$
Zinc Ointment — 1 ! — 1		-	2		2	2
Zinc Ointment — 1 ! — 1	Wine (Non-		1	1	_	1
		7	1	1		1
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	Totals	. 7	113	45	75	120

It will be seen from the above statement that 113 samples were reported to be genuine and 7 adulterated, which gives a percentage of 5.8 of adulteration.

COWSHEDS, DAIRIES, AND MILKSHOPS. No. of Registered Farms and Cowsheds in the Borough 7 No. of Registered Dairy Premises 49 No. of Registered Wholesale Purveyors 10 No. of Registered Retail Purveyors 83 No. of Registered Purveyors outside the Borough ... 4

The composition of the samples of Milk are given in the following table:—

NO. OF SAMPLE	PERCENTAG MILK FAT.	E RESULTS.	
	MILK FAT		
	MIIM IME.	NON-FATTY SOLIDS.	PURCHASED DURING THE MONTH OF:
$\frac{1}{2}$	3·3 3·68	8•68 9·01	JANUARY. Average.
2 3 4	4·02 2·73	9:16 9:11	Milk Fat Non-Fatty Solids 3'37 8'99
12	2.95	8.96	MARCH.
$\frac{20}{21}$	3·40 3·68 4·28	9·05 8·54 8·97	Average Milk Fat Non-Fatty Solids 3.68 8.91
27 28 29	3·20 3·00 3·58 3·45	8:88 8:64 8:78 8:00	APRIL. Average Milk Fat Non-Fatty Solids
31 32	3·40 3·24	8·94 8·11	Milk Fat Non-Fatty Solids . 3.31 8.72
39 40 41	$3.65 \\ 3.00 \\ 2.64$	8:58 8:98 8:90	MAY. Average. Milk Fat. Non-Fatty Solids 2.98 8.83
49 50	2·84 3·12	8·97 8.98	JUNE.
52 53	3·65 3·40 3·65	8.40 8.40 9.02 8.94	Average Milk Fat Non-Fatty Solids 3.21 8.78
59 60	2:77 3:30 2:59	8.72 8.78 9.84	AUGUST.
63 69	3·18 3·42	8:90 8:84	Average Milk Fat Non-Fatty Solids 3:35 8:84
72 73	4.40 3.18	8.62 9.00 8.73 8.53	SFPTEMBER. Average Milk Fat Non-Fatty Solids 3'53 8'72
87 88 89	3:58 3:60 3:15	8·69 9·05 8·93	OCTOBER, Average Milk Fat Non-Fatty Solids
90 99 100	3·25 3·60	9·00 8·70	3.47 8.84 NOVEMBER. Average Milk Fat Non-Fatty Solids
102 108	3·90 3·55	8:93 8:97	3·57 8·86 DECEMBER,
109 110 111	3.58 3.15	8.88 9.05	Average Milk Fat Non-Fatty Solids 3.32 8.92
Yearly Average.	3.36	8.84	
	4 11 12 19 20 21 22 27 28 29 30 31 32 38 39 40 41 48 49 50 51 52 53 58 59 60 61 63 69 71 72 73 74 87 88 89 90 90 100 101 102 100 110 111 111	4	4 2.73 9.11 11 3.10 9.01 12 2.95 8.96 19 4.10 9.01 20 3.40 9.05 21 3.68 8.54 22 4.28 8.97 27 3.20 8.88 28 3.00 8.64 29 3.58 8.78 30 3.45 8.99 31 3.40 8.94 32 3.24 8.11 38 3.35 8.77 39 3.65 8.58 40 3.00 8.98 41 2.64 8.90 48 2.39 8.78 49 2.84 8.97 50 3.12 8.98 51 2.70 8.65 52 3.65 8.40 53 3.40 9.02 58 3.65 8.94 59 2.77 8.72 60 3.30 8.78 61

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REGARDING SAMPLES REPORTED NOT TO BE GENUINE.

No. of Sample.	Nature of Samples.	Results of Analyses.	Remarks		
4	Milk	Deficient in Fat 9%	Letter of warning sent by Town Clerk		
32	Milk	Added Water 4.6%	Vendor interviewed by Health Committee		
41	Milk	Deficient in Fat 12%	Samples Nos. 48 and 49 taken in course of delivery		
48	Milk	Deficient in Fat 20%	Proceedings taken, Wholesalers fined £4 15s		
49	Milk	Deficient in Fat 5%	Verbal warning		
51	Milk	Deficient in Fat 10%	Samples Nos. 58 and 59 taken in course of delivery		
59	Milk	Deficient in Fat 8%	Letter of warning sent by Town Clerk.		

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

During the year proceedings were taken in two cases, one under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928, and one under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922.

The results of the proceedings were as follows:—

Case against the wholesalers of a sample of Milk (No. 48) found to be deficient in Fat to the extent of 20%. The wholesalers were fined £4 15s.

Case against a milk vendor for selling "Certified" and Grade "A" Milk without having the necessary licences. In this instance the vendor was fined $\pounds 2$.

TABLE I.

Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Premises.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Prosecutions.
Factories (Including Factory Laundries) Workshops (Including Workshop Laundries) Workplaces (Other than Outworkers' Premises	93 260 28	1 6 5	
Total	381	12	_

TABLE II.

Defects found in Factories, Workshops and
Workplaces.

Particulars.	Number of Defects.			No. of Offences in respect to which	
r articulars,	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	Prosecutions were instituted.	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:					
Want of Cleanliness	31	30	—		
Want of Ventilation	2	2			
Overcrowding	. 4		<u> </u>		
Want of drainage of floors	8	8			
Other Nuisances	0				
Sanitary Accommodation: Insufficient			<u> </u>		
Unsuitable or defective	3	2			
Not separate for sexes					
Offences under the Factory and Workshops Acts: Illegal occupation of underground					
bakehouses				—	
Other offences	1	1	—		
Total	49	47	-		
		1			

Registered Workshops.

	Ne	gistered	VV O	rkshops	· .	
Workshops on	the Re	gister at the e	nd of t	the year.		Number
Bakers						8
Blacksmiths		• •	• • •	•••	•••	7
Beer Bottlers	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •		í
Blindmakers	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •		$\frac{1}{2}$
Boatbuilders	• • •	• • •	• •	•••		i i
Bootmakers	••		• • •	•••	• • • •	28
Builders		•••	• • •	•••	***	$\frac{26}{24}$
Cabinet Makers		•••	•••	••	•	4
Chocolate Manufa			• • •	•••	••	l
Coach Builders			• • •	•••	• • • •	i
Cycle Repairers			• • •	• • •	•••	$\overline{7}$
Dressmakers			• • •	•••		$1\dot{5}$
Electrical Engine		•••	• • •	• • •		4
Electro Platers			• • •			ĩ
Harness Maker			•••	•••		ī
Ironmongers	• • •		• • •			4
Knitting	• • •		•••	•••		2
Laundries						9
Musical Instrume						2
Milliners	• • •					4
Motor Engineers	and 6					35
Opticians						2
Picture Framers		* * *		• • •		3
Photographers						9
Plumbers and Dec						7
Sheet Metal Worl	ker					1
Sign Writers				•••		4
Tailors		•••				18
Upholsterers						11
Watchmakers	• • •		• • •	• • •		11
						227

TABLE "A."

Amount of Shipping entering the Port Sanitary District during the year 1929.

			No. Ins	spected.	No ro	to be Orders	
	No.	Tonnage.	By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Sanitary Inspector.	ported to be defec-		
Foreign: Steamers Motor* Sailing Fishing	- 8 3 -	969 249 —	<u>-</u>				
Total Foreign	11	1218		3	_	_	
Coastwise: Steamers Motor* Sailing Lighters Fishing	65 47 188 4 —	10532 2985 13826 840		26 6 41 —			
Total Coastwise	304	28183		73			
Total Foreign and Coastwise	315	29401		76		_	

^{*} Includes mechanically propelled vessels other than steamers.

TABLE "B."

Passenger trade during 1929 Nil.

TABLE "C."

Cases of infectious sickness landed from vessels ... Nil.

TABLE "D."

Cases of infectious sickness occurring on vessels during the voyage, but disposed of prior to arrival ... Nil.

TABLE "E."

Rats destroyed during 1929 ... Nil.

The vessels entering the Harbour consist of barges or small steamers, which carry cargo, chiefly of coal, granite and building materials. There is no food with the exception of potatoes brought into the Port. The vessels remain in the Harbour for only a short period, and in some cases leave the day after arrival. It was not necessary to serve any notices during the year. All the ships inspected were found to be maintained in a clean and satisfactory state.

A nuisance from smoke was caused at a Public Institution, and after expert advice had been obtained the nuisance was abated.

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

Houses Let in Lodgings.

There are ten Houses let in Lodgings on the register. These are regularly inspected, and an improvement has been affected in the condition of these premises.

There are ten Fish Friers and one Marine Offensive Trades. Store Dealer in the town.

The above premises have been constantly inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition.

Tents, Vans and dwellings within the district. Small Boy Sheds. Scout Camps are held during the Summer in the outlying parts of the district, and these have been maintained generally in a satisfactory condition. There is a growing practice of families camping out with a car for a few days, no provision being made with regard to sanitary accommodation. Difficulty is experienced in dealing with this matter, as, owing to the shortness of the stay, the people have moved elsewhere before action can be taken.

Underground Sleeping rooms are used for sleeping during the Summer months. One closing order was made during the year prohibiting the use

for sleeping purposes of two basement rooms which were habitually used as sleeping rooms.

OTHER SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

Rats and Mice for the administration of this Act. During Destruction Act, 1919. the year 389 inspections were carried out, and advice and assistance were given as to the best method of destroying rats; approved poisons and baits were supplied by the Department at cost price.

Numerous complaints were received regarding the prevalence of rats at the Westbrook Sea Wall Tip, and systematic gassing and laying of poison baits have been carried out by a ratcatcher, under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector, with satisfactory results.

Storage and Removal in the provision of sanitary dustbins to of Refuse. houses and other premises, and also in persuading the occupiers to keep the bins in a reasonably clean and dry condition.

Action is now taken under the Margate Corporation Act, 1926, which specifies that the Corporation can insist upon the type, size and weight of bin which shall be supplied to all premises, and also that no refuse of a liquid or partly liquid nature shall be placed in the bins.

It is hoped that a great improvement will be effected in this matter.

Sanitary Condition of inspected, and as a result these were found Theatres, Cinemas, to be maintained in a clean and satisfactory etc. condition. One cinema was provided with additional sanitary accommodation during the year.

Mortuary. A new Mortuary has been erected in Dane Road, the plans of which have been approved by the Ministry of Health, in

place of the old Mortuary in King Street. The building was not finished in time to be used during the year, but it is now completed and in use. During the year 14 bodies were placed in the old building.

Slaughter-Houses. district, 7 are registered and 7 licensed.

These are regularly inspected while slaughtering is in progress. This entails a large amount of the Inspectors' time being given to this work owing to the slaughter-houses being situated in different parts of the town. Some of the slaughter-houses leave much to be desired owing to their obsolete construction and close proximity to dwelling-houses.

The Health Committee have been considering the question of the provision of a Public Abattoir, but owing to the estimated cost and maintenance the matter has been deferred for a time for further consideration.

The Committee have also under consideration the adoption of the Model Bye-Laws relating to the slaughter of all animals by a mechanically-operated instrument.

There are no bedding factories within the Rag Flock Act, district. There are, however, several 1911 and 1928. upholsterers who are in a small way of business and occasionally re-make mattresses. The premises are inspected, but no samples of rag flock have been obtained during the year.

Schools. The Sanitary Inspectress visits each School every week and reports to me any nuisance, uncleanliness, or defect in the sanitary conditions. Sufficient lavatory basins and towels are provided at all the Schools, with a copious supply of water for washing and drinking purposes. Children suffering from an infectious disease are notified to me by the Head Teacher or School Attendance Officer. They are excluded from School for the prescribed period (cf. Memorandum on Closure of, and Exclusion from School, 1925); contacts are also excluded.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1929.

Nui	nber of	houses erected during the year:—	
	` ′	tal, including Nos. given separately under (b) th State assistance under the Housing Acts	120
	(1) (2)	By the Local Authority By other bodies or persons	Nil.
1.	Unfit dy	velling-houses.	
	Inspe	ction—	
	(1)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	472
	(2)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	103
	(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	2
	(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding subhead) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	68
2.	Remedy	of defects without Service of formal Notices. Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their	
		officers	32

- - Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925.

1	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	
15	(a) By owners (b) By Local Authority in default of owners	
	(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close	
	3. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	E
. 27	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—	
27	(a) By owners (b) By Local Authority in default of owners	
	Proceedings under Sections 11, 14 and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925:—	С
3	(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	
3	(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	
1	(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling houses having been rendered fit	

(4)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	£
(5)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	(
	Number of houses demolished without Demolition Orders	,

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply. farms outside the district and is brought into the town by road or rail, and in the Summer is augmented by "London Accommodation Milk." There are seven farms and cowsheds within the district. One farm was discontinued during the year, and owing to the expansion of building operations the number of farms producing milk becomes less every year.

Bacteriological samples of milk are taken periodically, and, with the exception of two samples, were satisfactory.

The farms are regularly inspected and on the whole are found to be satisfactory and compare favourably with other districts.

During the year the following licences for Designated Milk. the sale of milk under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923, were granted, viz.: Four "Certified," three "Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)," one "Pasteurised," and one "Grade A."

There were no refusals or revocations of licences during the year, but proceedings were taken against one purveyor of milk for selling designated milk without obtaining the necessary licences.

Ten samples of Milk were obtained under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923, as under:—

Designation.	Date sample taken.	Bacteria per c. cm.
Certified	28/2/29	80
Certified	21/3/29	2,840
Grade '' A '' (T.T.)	3/6/29	740
Certified	30/7/29	8,400
,,	30/7/29 .	7,800
,,	21/8/29	210
,,	3/10/29	4,600
,,	3/10/29	6,500
"	29/10/29	1,560
,,	4/12/29	540

Meat. during slaughter times, and during the summer months this entails a considerable amount of the Inspectors' time being devoted to this work. No less than 2,227 inspections were made during the year, and over 2 tons of diseased meat was found and destroyed.

The Chief Inspector and Assistant Inspector are both qualified Meat Inspectors.

General shops and provision stores are inspected, and an improvement has been effected with regard to cleanliness, especially in small general shops where articles of all kinds are sold.

Hotels and restaurants have also been kept under supervision, and all premises where ice cream is made have been periodically inspected.

Particulars of samples obtained and action taken with regard to Food and Drugs (Adulteration) will be found incorporated in the Sanitary Act, 1928. Inspector's section of the Report.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Pathological and bacteriological examination of specimens are undertaken by the Kent County Council. This is very largely used by the practitioners of the town, as the following table testifies:—

	Resu	ITS.	
Nature of Examination.	Positive.	Negative.	Total.
Examination of Diphtheria Swabs	30	226	256
Widal reaction in cases of suspected			
Typhoid Fever	1	5	6
Sputum examination for Tubercle			
Bacilli	20	73	93
Examination of hairs for "Ring-			
worm '' parasite	6	7	13
Totals	57	311	368

In addition to the above, 17 samples of Milk were examined at the Kent County Council Laboratory.

It will be noted that during 1929, 256 swabs were taken in respect of diphtheria, so that evidently a pretty good search was made to detect and isolate "carriers."

Return cases are very infrequent, as no patient is allowed out of Hospital until two negative swabs (taken at a week's interval) are obtained. Children attending the Elementary Schools are examined by me before returning to school. There were 35 cases of Diphtheria during the year.

So far no use has been made of the tests known as Schick and Dick tests for Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever respectively.

We have had no cases of Malaria, Dysentry or Trench Fever.

Scarlet Fever. the year, 62 cases as against 119 the previous year. The disease was again of a very mild type and not confined to any particular area of the town. The mildness of the attack and the fact that many of the children are not really ill makes it very difficult to control the disease. It was not considered advisable to close any of the Schools.

Contacts are excluded from School and the premises are disinfected in every case. In the case of Diphtheria, anti-toxin is administered to all contacts where it is considered necessary. This is provided free of cost in necessitous cases, and anti-toxin is administered to every patient immediately upon entering the Hospital. Enteric Fever.

Only one case of Enteric Fever was notified and this was removed to Hospital.

Encephalitis Lethargica. Three cases were notified and removed to Hospital, and two patients died.

Puerperal Pyrexia.
Isolation Hospital.

There were three cases notified during the year, two of which were removed to the

Ophthalmia Neonatorum. Two cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum were notified, both of which recovered without any ill effects. No action was taken under Section 66 of the Public Health Amend-

ment Act, 1925.

Tuberculosis.

Particulars of new cases and deaths from Tuberculosis will be found among the tables in another part of this Report.

It has not been necessary to take any action under the "Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925," and no action was taken under Section 62 of the "Public Health Act, 1925."

We had five cases of Small-pox in the area, all of which were promptly removed to the Isolation Hospital.

No primary or re-vaccinations have been made by the Medical Officer of Health under the Public Health (Small-Pox Prevention) Regulations, 1917. The contacts, however, were vaccinated by the Public Vaccinator.

Non-notifiable infectious diseases, such as Measles, Whooping Cough, etc., are notified to me by the parents and School Teachers. These cases are visited, as far as time will permit, by the Sanitary Inspectress or myself, and if a doctor is not in attendance, advice is given as to the care of the patient, isolation, etc. Contacts are excluded from School according to the regulations prescribed by the Board of Education.

There were no cases of locally contracted Anthrax or Rabies.

A Cleansing Station is situated in the Town Yard, adjoining the Disinfecting Station, and is available for the disinfecting and cleansing of verminous persons and their belongings.

I should like to thank the Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. J. Rattray, and the Clerk, Mr. L. Hutchinson, for their help in preparing this Report.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year 1929.

Disease	Total cases notified *	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.*
Small Pox	5	5	
Scarlet Fever	62	55	1
Diphtheria	37	37	1
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	1	1	
Puerperal Fever	_		
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	2	
Pneumonia	57	_	11
Other diseases generally notified:—			
Erysipelas	6		
Encephalitis Lethargica	3	3	2
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	1	1	
Tuberculosis:—			
Pulmonary	41 .		20
Non-pulmonary	25		2
Other diseases notifiable locally:—			
Nil		_	

^{*}For analysis under age groups see separate tables.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

		CASES.		red.	d.	·SS.	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.		Trea	ited.	Vision Unimpair	Vision	Total	Deaths.
	Notified.	At Home.	In Hospital.	Un	In	BI	
	2	1	1	2	_		_

TUBERCULOSIS.

		New	Cases.		Deaths.				
Age Period.	Pulm	onary.	No Pulm	on- onary.	Pulm	onary.	N Pulm	on- onary.	
	M	F	M	F	M F		M	F	
Under 1 year						_	1		
1			1	3	_		_	_	
5	_	2	5	3	1		_	_	
10	2	_	2	1				_	
15	1	3	1	1		2			
20	6	2	1	t		1	1		
25	2	10	1	. 2	1	2	_	_	
35	2	5		3	2	2			
45	4				4	2		_	
55	1		- \		2	_	_	-	
65 and upwards	_	1	_		—	1	_	_	
Totals	18	23	11	14	10	10	2	-	

Of the total 22 deaths from Tuberculosis 8 cases were not notified.

over and 65 9 and under 65 978 004 ← ro 4 100 7 1 1 Under 1 year Males ... Females Total Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid) ... Encephalitis Lethargica Females Total ... : Males Puerperal Pyrexia : : : : Puerperal Fever Tuberculosis:— Scarler Fever Pulmonary -Diphtheria Pneumonia Pulmonary Erysipelas Small Pox Non-

Diseases occurring during 1929.

Deaths from Infectious

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65 and over 45 and under 65 14 5 Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year 1929 in the Margate District. 35 and under 45 15 2017 50 50 0 20 and under 35 C10 9 20 20 20 20 3 15 and under 120 5 0 10 and under 15 16 10000 5 and under 10 20 28 and under 00 3 under 4 and 2 and under 1 100 5 and under Under 1 year. 2 : Cerebro Spinal Meningitis Encephalitis Lethargica Pulmonary {Females Total Non-Pulmonary (Females Total Enteric Fever (including paratyphoid) : : Puerperal Pyrexia : Puerperal Fever Tuberculosis: Scarlet Fever Pneumonia Diphtheria Erysipelas Small Pox

[ABLE X.-Birth-rate, Death-rate and Analysis of Mortality

during the Year 1929.

(Provisional Figures. The rates for England and Wales and Margate have been calculated on a population estimated to the middle of 1929, but those for the towns have been calculated on populations estimated to the middle of 1928. The mortality rates refer to the whole population as regards England and Wales, but only to civilians as regards London and the groups of towns.)

	do se	SusO	6.0	rg. 0	1.0	0.0	1.6
Percentage of Total Deaths.	er after	Coron	1.5	1.9	1.0	3.7	3.6
:			6.1	8.0	5.4	8.9	3.9
Tc	herered lical	Py Reg	91.5	91.8	9-5-6	9.68	9.06
RTHS.			74	62	69	70	47
LIVE BI	aepun) s	Enteriti	8.1	10.9	6.	10.7	4.9
!	тее.	AloiV	0.55	0.50	0.45	0.56	0.51
a i i on.	enza.	ultaI	0.74	92.0	0.71	69.0	0.71
roror	heria.	ddqiQ	80.0	60.0	20.0	80.0	0.03
1,000	ghing gh.	oodW noO	0.15	0.19	0.15	0.56	0.17
PEK	Fever.	Scarlet	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.03
1-KATE	sles.	меая	80.0	0.12	90.0	0.04	0.10
DEAT	·xod-	Small	00.0	0.00	00.0	0.00	00.0
ANOAL	Fever,	Enterio	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	00.0
		Causes	13.4	13.7	12.3	13.8	13.0
RAT. TOTAL, PULA		Hitz satrid	89.0	69.0	0.71	0.53	0.44
		edirie Siring	16.3	16.6	16.0	15.7	13.8
			England and Wales	107 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	157* Smaller Towns (1921) Adjusted Populations 20,000—50,000)	London	Margate
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* By the extension of Uxbridge U.D on the 1st April, 1929, the number of Smaller Towns is increased to 157.

I have received the following Report from the Meteorological Observer:

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT, 1929.

MARGATE,

Макси, 1930.

SIR,—

I beg to submit the following report relating to the Meteorological Observations at Margate during 1929.

The outstanding features of the year 1929 were:—The very cold spell during February, when the mean temperature for the month was just above freezing point, the abnormally dry months of March and September and the low total rainfall for the year, the fine weather during the season, the December gales, and the abnormal number of ground frosts.

The deviations from normal for the year were as follows:—
— 150 mm. of rain, + 0.53 hours of sunshine per day, and
— 0.1° F. mean temperature.

A monthly summary of the weather follows:-

January.—Temperature below normal, below freezing point on 13 days, with some snow and ground frosts. The coldest January since 1917.

February.—Very cold, temperature falling to 19° F. on the 11th, 12th and 13th. Much fog early. Snow fell 14th to 18th. Ground frosts on 19 days.

MARCH.—Very dry, rain falling on only one day during the month. Sunny and warm days with cold nights. Some fog and ground frosts.

APRIL.—Dry and cold on the whole with an extraordinary rise in temperature on the 19th, when a shade temperature of 70° F. was recorded, falling to 44° F. next day. An unusual occurrence.

May.—First half of the month cool and rather unsettled. Warm period 22nd to 26th, when temperature reached 76° F. No measurable rainfall from 13th to end of month. Gale on the 6th.

June.—Rather cool, temperature only exceeding 70° F. on two days. Latter part of month very dry. Nearly 40 hours' less sunshine than in 1928.

July.—Dry and warm after the first few days. Very warm 17th to 24th, temperature reaching 86° F. on the 21st. Fifteen hours' sunshine on the 5th: a record for the year.

August.—Fine and warm on the whole. Thunderstorms 1st and 16th, accompanied by heavy rain on the 16th, when 19 mm. were recorded, the highest for the year. Shade temperature reached 90° F. on the 31st: also a record for the year throughout the British Isles.

September.—Very warm and unusually dry. No measurable rainfall before the 29th. Mean temperature for the month was 5° above normal.

OCTOBER.—Fair on the whole with gales on the 24th and 30th. Heavy rainfall on the 25th. Winds westerly, except for three days.

NOVEMBER.—Mild and rather wet. Strong gale lasting 13 hours on the 11th, the gusts at times reaching 70 miles an hour on the S.E. Coast. Thunderstorm 26th.

DECEMBER.—Mild, but stormy at times. Intermittent gales prevailed from 5th to 11th, accompanied by a thunderstorm on the 6th and lightening on the 8th. During the gale on the 6th the wind attained a velocity of 111 miles per hour in the south-west, the highest ever recorded. The year finished mild and sunny.

The prevailing winds during the Autumn were Westerly, especially in October and November.

A separate table is enclosed, giving the hours of sunshine at various health resorts and London. The table gives the monthly readings, total sunshine during the "Season," months, May to September, and the total for the whole year. The total rainfall for the year at these resorts is also shown.

Although the sunshine hours are above the normal, it will be observed that they fall short of 1928, particularly from May to September. The rainfall for the year was exceedingly low, only one station having less than Margate.

Ultra-Violet Ray tests (Leonard Hill system) were carried out and recorded from May to September, and the daily readings were exhibited to the public at the Weather Kiosk. An intensive system of recording was adopted during this period, and the readings, published in "The Times," compared very fabourably with other East Coast Stations.

The highest recorded test was 16, taken in July, although August was the most consistent month.

A grass minimum thermometer was wilfully broken on June 23rd and replaced on July 3rd.

The Station was inspected on April 29th and found to be in good order.

J. E. TURNER,

Meteorological Observer.

Meteorological Observations, Margate, 1929.

Position of Station, Lat. '51° -24' N. Long.' 1° -24' E. Height above M.S.L. 51 feet. Time 9 hrs. G.M.T.

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	Date		20th	3rd	28th	21st	21st	19th	5th	13th	2nd	21st	9th	19th	June 5		1
SUNSHINE	Max.		7.7	8.4	11.4	13.1	14.8	14.5	15.0	12.8	11.4	9.4	8.5	2.9	15.0	15.2	14.8
SUN	Devia- tion from Normal	Hours.	-0.61	60.0-	+1.35	19.0-	66.0+	+0.11	+1.61	19.0+	+1.40	+0.48	+0.37	+0.55	+0.53	+0.61	
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	Z Z		20	12	4	16	17	27	15	51	10	72	88	96	35.6	51.0	71.8
	Inches		0.78	0.46	0.16	69.0	69.0	1.05	0.23	2.01	0.40	2.83	3.46	3.80	Total 16.85	24.24	28.26
	th	4 ft.	42.4	40.1	40.5	46.0	51.0	8.49	62.4	9.89	64.7	59.1	21.12	48.1	52.2	53.0	52.5
	Earth Temperatures	1 ft.	37.4	35.4	40.6	46.0	54.1	61.2	8.99	64.9	6.29	54.6	47.0	44.3	51.5	52.4	51.9
		Date	28th	13th	3rd	6th	4th	lst	Sth	21st	21st	28th	15th	20th	Feb. 13th		
	olute & Min.	Min.	27	19	59	35	37	47	50	52	49	36	34	31	19	23	23
IN OF	Abs Max.	Date	19th	lst	9th	19th	22nd	19th	20th	31st	9th	16th	30th	14th	Aug.		
TURES		Max.	48	48	62	70	94	72	98	90	83	99	57	58	06	83	79
TEMPERATURES	Devia-	from Normal	-3.1	9.4-	7.0-	-2.9	2.0-	-0.4	+1.2	+1.0	+5.1	6.0+	+1.8	+3.7	-0.1	+1.8	
AIR TEN	1 2	A&B	36-1	32.5	42.3	44.0	52.4	27.12	63.3	63.1	63.8	52.7	47.3	44.8	50.0	51.8	50.7
N V	B	Min.	32.7	28.8	35.9	98.6	2.97	52.3	56.5	56.6	58.3	47.6	42.7	40.6	44.8	46.6	45.8
	4	Мах.	39.5	36.3	48.6	49.1	58.3	63.1	70.1	2.69	9.69	57.8	51.8	49.0	55.5	57.1	55.7
	BARO.		30.25	30.08	30.32	29.70	29.99	30.01	30.02	30.00	30.11	29.84	29.77	29.75	66-67	29.94	29.84
	MONTH.		IAN	FEB,	MAR.	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	Averages and Absolutes	1928	1927

Comparative Table of Hours of Sunshine Monthly during 1929 at various Health Resorts and London also Total Rainfall for the Year.

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